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SUBJECT: ALLON IN GERMANY: DIE WELT INTERVIEW

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW IN DIE WELT  
ON FEBRUARY 26, ISRAELI FONMIN ALLON NOTED THAT THE  
SOVIET UNION HAS PLAYED QUOTE A VERY NEGATIVE ROLE  
UNQUOTE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THAT QUOTE JERUSALEM WILL  
FOREVER REMAIN UNITED UNQUOTE, AND THAT HE ACCEPTS THE  
NOTION THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE BECOMING A PEOPLE WITH  
THEIR OWN POLITICAL INTERESTS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN INTO  
ACCOUNT. END SUMMARY

1. ISRAELI FOHMIN ALLON'S INTERVIEW IN DIE WELT ON  
FEBRUARY 26 COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. ALLON'S  
ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS  
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DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE; HE STATED THAT QUOTE UP TO NOW, THE

USSR HAS PLAYED A VERY NEGATIVE ROLE. IT HAS ENCOURAGED THE EXTREMIST FORCES IN THE ARAB WORLD AND HAS THEREBY OBSTRUCTED A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT UNQUOTE. WHEN ASKED IF THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT ISRAEL AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE ABOUT TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ALLON RESPONDED THAT QUOTE FROM THE RUSSIAN SIDE THERE ARE NO SIGNS AT ALL UNQUOTE.

2. ALLON WAS ALSO ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY NEW IDEAS RE THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM. HE RESPONDED QUOTE NO, NONE THAT I KNOW OF. HE WHO WOULD DREAM ABOUT INTERNATIONALIZATION, WOULD HAVE NO CHANCE OF PUTTING HIS DREAM INTO EFFECT. JERUSALEM WILL FOREVER REMAIN UNITED, JUST AS IT IS TODAY UNQUOTE.

3. ASKED IF ISRAEL WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTIONS OF A U.S. GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY OR A MILITARY PACT WITH THE U.S., ALLON STATED THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ADDED THAT QUOTE I DO NOT SEE ANY NECESSITY FOR SUCH A GUARANTEE. ISRAEL MUST BE ABLE TO BASE ITS DEFENSE ON ITS OWN STRENGTH UNQUOTE.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM , ALLON REPLIED THAT QUOTE WE HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH THE ARAB PROBLEM TO THE POINT WHERE WE RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY TO INCLUDE THE NOTION OF A PALESTINIAN IDENTITY IN OUR CALCULUS UNQUOTE. ALLON LATER EXPANDED THIS POINT, STATING THAT QUOTE ALTHOUGH PALESTINE HAS NEVER EXISTED AS A NATIONAL ENTITY, WE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE ABOUT TO BECOME A PEOPLE - A GROUP WITH ITS OWN POLITICAL INTERESTS. I ACCEPT THIS PHENOMENON. ABOVE ALL, THIS PALESTINIAN IDENTITY MUST FIND AN EXPRESSION IN OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST, JORDAN. I, AS FONMIN OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WOULD NOT RECOMMEND AN AGREEMENT TO MY GOVERNMENT BETWEEN US AND OUR ARAB NEIGHBORS WHICH WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THIS ARAB-PALESTINIAN IDENTITY. ONE CANNOT EQUATE THE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY, WHICH I PERSONALLY KNOW VERY WELL, WITH THE TERRORISTS UNQUOTE. ALLON WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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THEN ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT PALESTINIANS YES, PLO NO? HE REPLIED QUOTE I COINED THIS FORMULA UNQUOTE.

5. WHEN ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD JOIN NATO, ALLON RESPONDED QUOTE IF NATO WERE INTERESTED IN OUR JOINING, WE WOULD EXAMINE THE MATTER UNQUOTE.  
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